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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, I hereby appoint Verne E. Kreger (Reg. No. 35,231), whose postal address is One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933-7003, my associate attorney to prosecute said application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuing applications claiming the benefit of said application, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected with said application.

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